



UN Secretary-General praises Kenya's long-standing support of Somali refugees

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In an op-ed published by *The Los Angeles Times* on Friday, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon lauded Kenya's efforts to support the nearly half million Somali refugees that have sought shelter in Kenyan refugee camps.

The Secretary-General commended Kenya and Ethiopia for their long-standing commitment to aiding the Somali people, writing, "We must...recognize that Kenya and Ethiopia, which have generously kept their borders open, face enormous challenges of their own. The largest refugee camp in the world, Dadaab, in Kenya, is already dangerously overcrowded with some 380,000 refugees. Many thousands more are waiting to be registered."

Ki-Moon called on the international community to engage in Somalia ahead of today's U.N. meeting in Rome, in which various agencies will endeavor coordinate an emergency response to the crisis in Somalia and to raise funds for immediate assistance.

"I reach out...to focus global attention on this crisis, to sound the alarm and to call on the world's people to help Somalia in this moment of greatest need," he wrote.

To read the full *Los Angeles Times* article, please [click here](#).

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